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For: Transforming Growth)
Factor-Beta-Related Molecules)
and Uses Thereof)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application:
Response to Restriction Requirement and return postcard.
2. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on April 14, 2003.

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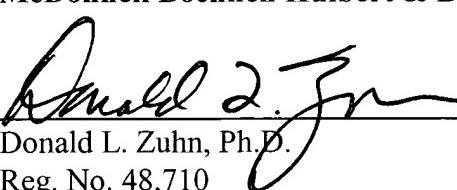
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED MARCH 18, 2003

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed March 18, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-8, 10, 11, 43-45, 50, 56, and 57, designated as Group I by the Examiner. The claims of Group I are drawn to a polynucleotides and means of expression.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. If Examiner Andres believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

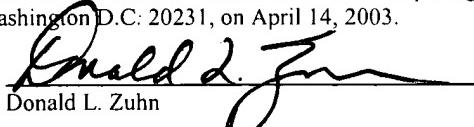
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